

# PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE ADVOCATES

&

REV. SHANE HARRIS DAY

*Presented by Council President Jennifer Campbell, Council  
President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn & Councilmember Monica  
Montgomery Steppe*

*March 2, 2021*

**WHEREAS**, The first week of March marks the beginning of the historic march from Selma, Ala. to Montgomery, Ala. on Bloody Sunday March 7, 1965; and

WHEREAS, The march from Selma to Montgomery was organized by nonviolent activists such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to demonstrate the desire of African American citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, The People's Association of Justice Advocates (PAJ) formerly known as People's Alliance for Justice is led by its President & Founder Rev. Shane Harris also a civil rights leader who founded the organization to keep Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive through direct action with a balanced standard of justice for all no matter what race, religion, criminal record, sexuality, gender status, or citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, The PAJ's mission is to empower citizens with lived experience to meaningfully address societal issues impacting them by introducing policy and legislative change to improve those conditions just as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught; and

**WHEREAS**, National civil rights leader & activist Rev. Shane Harris has made a commitment to lift up the voiceless of society and through the PAJ's advocacy programs and initiatives which have addressed issues such as the disproportionality of African American children in the child welfare system, inequities within COVID-19 testing, inequities within voter access & police misconduct; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby declare

March 2, 2021 to be "People's Association of Justice Advocates & Rev. Shane Harris" Day in the City of San Diego.